

UCLA Library
Report for ALA Annual Meeting 2006
ALCTS CMDS Chief Collection Development Officers of Large Research Libraries
ALCTS Technical Services Directors of Large Research Libraries

Budget: We have received a 5.6% increase to the collections budget for next fiscal year. We have managed to use carry-over funds from FY2004/05 to carry out processing projects this year to reduce backlogs in both special collections and main stack collections. This includes both out-sourcing and hiring of temporary appointments. Carry over funds from the collection budget have also been used to support foreign acquisitions related travel.

Changes in Technical Services Operations: In March, the Library created a new unit responsible for electronic acquisitions within a department renamed Digital Collections Services. This brings together e-resource management, licensing, and acquisitions functions into a single department. Intellectual property and copyright management education and services are also located in the department consisting of 5.5 FTE.

Between January and March of 2007 we will be moving our cataloging and major acquisitions departments to a new location on the edge of campus. The relocation will allow us to redesign core campus space for user services. We will take the opportunity to redesign workflows and organizations. We are in the processing of putting together working groups to oversee space planning and workflow design.

Succession Planning and Open Positions: The number of librarian positions that are in recruitment or in the pipeline is well into double figures. The library is planning to initiate a systemic succession plan for leadership and key positions. We will take advantage of having an Information Studies Department next door as well as ramp up training and development of our internal staff. Key positions that are or will be posted in the next month include Head of Digital Resources Metadata Section, Director of Scholarly Services and Collections for Social Sciences and Humanities, and Director of Undergraduate Initiatives. We are also developing and defining a new librarian position in e-Science.

Bibliographic Services Task Force: UCLA as other UC campuses carried out extensive discussions on a system-wide committee's recommendations to consider a whole spectrum of changes in user discovery and delivery services and cataloging operations and systems. There was surprising consensus across the system to offer next generation discovery tools and to create shared cataloging services and operations. A standing system-wide operations committee will recommend priorities and next steps.

Regional Storage Facilities and persistence of collections: We have implemented a system-wide "persistence" policy that requires that campus deposits to the regional library storage facilities will be considered persistent and cannot be withdrawn by the owning libraries. This policy was implemented to support more rational management of

duplicative collections and ensure equitable access for our users. It finesses the ownership issue because ownership still resides with the campus.

Shared Print Program: UC commissioned an assessment of its three-year old shared print program by Abby Smith who issued a report and recommendations in May. The Director of Shared Print is retiring as of July 1. In this context the collection development officers will closely evaluate goals, objectives, and priorities of the program which includes both prospective journal and monograph shared collections.

Licensing Scenarios: Following a summit on scholarly communication a year ago the University Librarians agreed that the current approach to systemwide acquisition of journal content was no longer viable. Given the inexorable annual increases in both the cost and number of online scholarly journals and steady growth in proportion of library materials budgets spent on online scholarly journals, the ULs charged the collection development officers to investigate and recommend sustainable approaches to systemwide licensing. We identified and evaluated two options, one for containing annual price increases and one for reducing the base price of our subscriptions for scholarly journals. We will prepare a report by fall that can be shared publicly.

Mass Digitization. UCLA is contributing out-of-copyright content as part of the UCs participation in the Open Content Alliance. The scanning infrastructure, which is already operational in the Northern Regional Library Facility will be installed in the SRLF this summer. We are focusing on American Literature and Biography. Workflows for materials to be scanned from the stacks and procedures for depositing content in the Digital Preservation Repository are being developed.

LC Series Decision: We will make some changes in how we deal with series given LCs decision and the OCLC context. We will provide authority control for some series based and are developing procedures and workflows now.

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